

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-18, 22-23 27-29 and 31 are canceled herein.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims, 1-13, 19-21 and 24-26.

Claim 30, which was objected to, has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 27.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8693.

Respectfully submitted,



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